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SUBJECT: EXPLOSION AT IZMIR SUMERBANK

1. AT 9:30 PM LOCAL TIME DECEMBER 29, A BOMB EXPLODED AT A SUMERBANK RETAIL STORE IN THE KAPILAR SECTION OF DOWNTOWN IZMIR. THE STORE WAS CLOSED AT THE TIME AND NO ONE WAS INJURED BUT POLICE ESTIMATE THE BOMB WAS OF "CONSIDERABLE" STRENGTH AS NINE OR TEN SHOPS IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY ALSO SUFFERED DAMAGE, MAINLY BROKEN GLASS.

2. OUR POLICE AND SUMERBANK CONTACTS ARE NOT ABLE AT THIS POINT TO ADD MUCH MORE TO THE INFORMATION ABOVE, ALL OF WHICH WAS REPORTED IN THE PRESS. THE POLICE ADD ONLY THAT THE BOMB WAS CERTAINLY A "CLOCK" OR TIMED BOMB AND THE THE PKK IS THE PRIMARY SUSPECT. WHILE THE POLICE SAY THAT THEY RECEIVED NO CALLS, YENI ASIR REPORTS IT RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM A PERSON CLAIMING PKK RESPONSIBILITY AND ASSERTING THAT "SUCH ACTIONS WILL CONTINUE."

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